

Arizona State Citizen Corps Council

Arizona Department of Homeland Security
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Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2014

Governor Janice K. Brewer

Director Gilbert M. Orrantia

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Chair Antonio Hernandez called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
- b. No quorum reached today – items requiring a vote will not be conducted.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Chair Antonio Hernandez welcomed participants, identified those in the room and identified those on the phone. The Chair extended a thank you to the former Chair and Vice Chair for their service. There was not a quorum present; therefore, items will not be voted on and will be presented for information only at this time.
- b. In the room: Antonio Hernandez and Cheryl Kennedy
- c. On the Phone: Paul Schickel, Steve Rutherford, T.D. Kennard, Eric Lash, Marcie Slay, John Swenson

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Presentation: Chair/Vice Chair

Possible Action: Having no quorum, meeting minutes were not approved. Members were given the opportunity to provide any changes to the draft minutes as presented.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. STRATEGIC PLAN REPORTS

Goal 1: **Serve** as a State Voice for the Network of Citizen Corps Programs and Local Councils
Liaison Reports (North, South, East, West, Central)

- North - Cheryl requested an update from the North region county Citizen Corps Councils; however, no response was received. Eric Lash indicated that Yavapai County is very concerned about flooding as a result of the Slide fire. Coconino held a public meeting last week. The Coconino sheriff was there and they are concerned that the flooding could be 4-6 times as much as the Schultz fire. Yavapai is doing various recruiting activities. A CERT class is planned in Black Canyon City – possibly getting Yarnell reactivated and some other small communities.
- East – Graham County received a grant from the FMI Corporation to support CPR and First Aid training. Gila County has transferred their CERT program to the Sheriff's Office – Deputy Thor Nudson. There are plans to provide training to the Search and Rescue team in the CERT program. Greenlee County continues to provide CPR and First Aid training.
- It was recommended that a secondary and third liaison may enhance the liaison dialogue and information sharing among the State and local councils.
- No reports available for the Central or South region.

Goal 2: **Promote** Citizen Program Participation and Volunteer Activities which strengthen community resiliency
America's PrepareAthon

- America's PrepareAthon – Day of Action was April 30.
- Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) conducted an employee initiative to engage DHS workers. This event provided an opportunity test the employee call down tree and, as a result, the staff registration doubled. Employees were challenged to update their personal preparedness plans, participate in emergency kit cook-off and build office emergency kits. Contests were conducted with the winners receiving prizes. This culminated in an event set up in the parking lot area over 200 personnel visited the information and display tables. This could be used as a model for the next Day of Action event. This also provided a good platform for posting information on social media.
- The Arizona State Citizen Corps provided an information booth and hand out preparedness information at the ADHS event.
- Discussion was encouraged regarding the America's PrepareAthon – September 30, Day of Action. What additional resources may be needed to have a simultaneous event or unified event for this September? Some of the suggested events included: engaging Citizen Corps programs to test their call down to volunteers plan, use a call-down opportunity to acquire baseline data information (i.e., survey), renewing a program's pledge to assist in a State response, etc. Discussion ensued

regarding deployment to events outside local jurisdiction and the mechanism to do so. This discussion prompted the need for further information gathering that could potentially be acquired in a call-down and/or America's PrepareAthon event in September.

Goal 3: **Support** the growth and sustainability of the Statewide network of Citizen Corps Programs

- The Regional Advisory Councils and Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) have continued to support Citizen Corps projects via the Homeland Security Grant Program.

Goal 4: **Strengthen** our internal capacity to support local citizen corps councils

Partner Program Advocate Reports (CERT, VIPS, FC, MRC, USAonWatch)

- Cheryl reported that a CERT Train-the-trainer class was held in Sierra Vista on June 9-11. Twelve individuals completed the training class.
The Central Region has a CERT coordinator group. They are strategizing on how they can support the AZSCCC and share training opportunities in the Central region.
- There is an upcoming CERT Train-the-trainer class planned for August 7-9 in Goodyear.
- Arizona MRC groups participated in a planning workshop. Multiple partners came together as a state to identify priorities, address some of the hazards and have a collective conversation on what is the most likely scenario. That scenario would be the focus of the next year's region-based exercise. Looking at risk assessments, after-action reports, data gathered on their gaps; they can look at ways to address the gaps. Also an analysis of the public health and emergency training was done and that will assist in forecasting training and exercise needs for the next few years.
- The idea of a Speakers Bureau was discussed. It could have approached with a few different perspectives: Why do Citizen Corps programs exist? It could be a snapshot of who were are – demographic of numbers – some very basic information – services provided, what we do. Or it could be an outreach of partnership opportunities and where we could come together in real world events. And lastly, it could be recruitment. Those participating in the call indicated that a Speakers Bureau could be effective and a mechanism to help get the word out. Outreach could include: conferences (AESA, AZ Fire Chiefs), elected officials, VOADs, HOAs, Firewise events, etc. Ideas to develop a strategy and those that would be interested in volunteering were to be sent via email.

Goal 5: **Prepare** internal resources and capabilities to support Council Roles and Responsibilities in the State Emergency Response and Recovery Plan

- It was suggested that the Executive Order and the By-laws be reviewed for updates. A draft Executive Order with proposed changes was provided. Due to a lack of quorum, no action was taken. Participants were asked to review those documents.

2. RESOURCE TYPING MATRIX – SUPPORT DOCUMENT

- Copies of the Resource Typing Matrix and the draft support documentation were provided. It was mentioned that the support document may be too detailed.
- Suggestions included reviewing the original Resource Typing Matrix for updating. This could be accomplished by forming a workgroup to include local program participants. Anyone interested could let Paul Schickel know.

3. 2014 MEETING DATES: August 21 and October 16 (August 21 meeting may be in conflict with the AESA conference.)

4. AZDOHS UPDATES/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- AZDOHS is awaiting the announcement of the 2014 Homeland Security Grant Program awards expected some time in July or August.
- AZSCCC member vacancies include representatives in the following areas: VIPS, For-profit Business, Community-at-large.

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- John Swenson (Payson- North Gila County CERT) reported that their volunteers participated in a student care fair (Julia Randall Elementary School) having an inside booth providing fire extinguisher orientation. They participated in the Mogollan Monster Mudder (staffed Sheriff's Office Communications Van for the EOC), provided CERT support for the First Aid booth, etc. Currently, there is a class for Hayden and Winkleman in IS317. They have filed for a radio licenses in UHF area to be able to set up a UHF repeater and portable communications. There a plans to assist with security around the fireworks launch site on July 4th.
- Antonio Hernandez stated that the Phoenix CERT, in partnership with the Explorers group, are assisting in a community project scheduled for September 27th - Arizona Coalition for Tomorrow (ACT) Kids Healthfair. It's at the Salvation Army in south Phoenix. It provides some health care and back-to-school immunizations. It's a great opportunity for the CERT, MRC and Explorer volunteers to participate by taking part in parking detail,

incident command station event process and volunteer intake and coordination. This is a current event that is conducted in coordination with AZ Department of Health Services. It provides an opportunity for public education, training and exercise for the Citizen Corps programs.

6. CALL TO ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.
